

DOES A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER PLATED IN ONTARIO HAVE TO BE INSPECTED IN ONTARIO?

No. An Ontario-plated vehicle can be inspected in any Canadian province or in the U.S.

IS IT NECESSARY THAT MY TRACTOR AND TRAILER BE INSPECTED AT THE SAME TIME?

No. Each unit must have valid proof of inspection but the dates may be different.

IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE BOTH A DUMP VEHICLE INSPECTION STICKER AND AN ANNUAL INSPECTION STICKER?

No. The dump vehicle inspection sticker is being replaced by the annual inspection sticker. However, dump vehicles that are not yet included in the new program may be inspected as either dump or commercial vehicles until captured by the applicable weight category.

WHERE CAN I HAVE THE INSPECTION PERFORMED?

Inspections must be performed at repair facilities licensed by the Ministry of Transportation. These facilities are called Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations (MVIS) and are located throughout Ontario. Truck dealers and most truck repair shops are licensed stations and are listed in the "yellow pages".

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INSPECTION STATION?

A station must be properly licensed and have a certified mechanic who can perform the inspection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The actual size of vehicles requiring inspection may vary from one Canadian jurisdiction to another. All commercial vehicles over 10,000 lbs. (4,500 kgs.) travelling to the U.S. must have valid proof of inspection. For information, please contact the appropriate enforcement agency.

For buses, school vehicles and vehicles used to transport physically disabled persons, the Ontario law is already in place.

This pamphlet is provided as a guide only. For more detailed information, please contact any ministry Drivers and Vehicles District Office.

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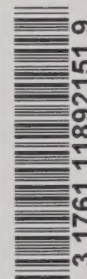
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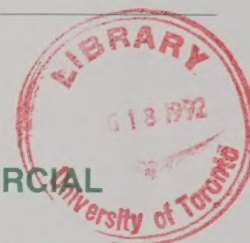
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This pamphlet provides information concerning annual inspection requirements for trucks, tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, trailer converter dollies and combinations.



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Ontario has joined a North American wide program designed to make certain that commercial vehicles using the province's roads are in top condition. This inspection program requires all commercial vehicles to be inspected by certified mechanics on an annual basis.

For the purposes of this program:

- a commercial vehicle means truck, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, trailer converter dolly and combinations.
- combined gross weight means the total weight of all vehicles and load in a combination.

WHICH VEHICLES ARE INCLUDED?

The Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program is being implemented in stages in Ontario. Commercial vehicles with a gross weight, registered gross weight, combined gross weight or manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating more than:

- 22,000 kgs must be inspected by Jan. 1992
- 10,000 kgs must be inspected by Jan. 1993
- 4,500 kgs must be inspected by Jan. 1994

Unladen commercial vehicles are exempt from inspection requirements when being operated under an In Transit permit or a Dealer and Service number plate.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A VEHICLE HAS BEEN INSPECTED?

A truck or tractor inspected in Ontario will have an annual inspection sticker (yellow) placed in the lower left corner of the windshield or on the left side of the truck cab. A trailer or trailer converter dolly will have an inspection sticker on the left side as close to the front as practicable. An annual inspection certificate is also issued with the sticker which satisfies the requirements of other jurisdictions.

If a vehicle is inspected in another province, the sticker will be placed to comply with their regulations. Some jurisdictions may require that only a certificate of inspection be carried in the cab.

Inspections performed in the U.S., may not include the issuance of a sticker. Therefore, inspection documents proving completion of the inspection must be carried and produced.

IS THERE A SET TIME FOR AN INSPECTION?

No. An inspection must be done once a year and the sticker must be current. But it's up to you to decide when to have an inspection. You may want to have your vehicle inspected during regular maintenance to save time and possibly money as well.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE INSPECTION?

There is no regulated fee for the inspection. The fee is determined and collected by the inspection station.

WHAT IS TO BE INSPECTED?

All safety related components are inspected. (A complete listing of components and performance standards is contained in the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 483, R.S.O. 1980.)

DOES THIS INSPECTION REPLACE THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ALLIANCE (CVSA) INSPECTION?

No. The annual inspection complements the CVSA inspection. The CVSA standard is an international set of criteria used strictly for on-the-road inspections involving randomly selected vehicles. CVSA inspections conducted by trained enforcement officers will continue throughout North America.

DOES THIS REQUIREMENT COVER ONTARIO-PLATED VEHICLES ONLY?

No. Any commercial vehicle operating in Ontario that meets the weight classifications of the program must comply.